

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for indicating that claims 30-61 are allowed and claims 4-9 and 11-29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 10, 26 and 29-30 have been amended. Claims 4 and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-61 now are presented for examination.

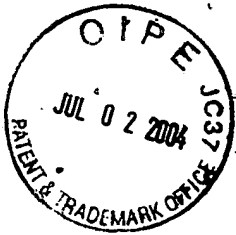
35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-3 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ramey U.S. Patent No. 2002/0075879 A1 ("Ramey").

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner with regard to the Examiner's characterization of the reference. However, for the sake of expediting issuance of the case, Applicant amends independent claims 1 and 10 to include the limitations of claims 4 and 11, respectively, indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and 10 and their dependent claims.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.



Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

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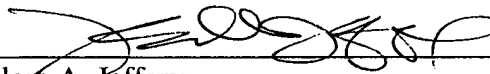
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